



Rugby Sevens Sport Update

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About this Sport Update

Published in December 2020, the series of Sport Updates offer a summary of competition-related material about each sport at Tokyo 2020 and provide a variety of information to help teams in their planning and preparation for the Games.

General information such as accreditation, accommodation, transport, COVID-19 countermeasures, etc., is not included as it is still in the process of being finalised, but interim information relating to these areas is continually being published on Tokyo 2020 Connect as it is confirmed.

All information provided in this Sport Update was correct at the time of publication, but some details may have changed prior to the Games.

NOC representatives are advised to regularly check the IOC's NOCnet and Tokyo 2020 Connect for the latest updates, especially regarding competition schedules.

Team Leaders' Guides explaining Games-time plans for sports in greater detail will be distributed to NOCs in May 2021.

WELCOME



On behalf of the Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, I am delighted to present the Rugby Sevens Sport Update for the Games of the XXXII Olympiad.

We have been working diligently to provide facilities, services and protocols which will allow everyone involved in the Games to achieve all three of Tokyo 2020's core concepts: achieving personal bests, unity in diversity, and connecting to tomorrow.

Included is information about:

- processes relating to competition and training
- key dates and personnel
- competition schedule, format and rules
- venue facilities and services

We trust it will assist you with your planning for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. If you require any additional information that is not found in this guide, do not hesitate to check Tokyo 2020 Connect or contact the sport manager.

Please rest assured that the Olympic flame will not go out and will continue to burn in our hearts until the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 next summer.

We look forward to welcoming you all with our unique Japanese hospitality when you arrive in Tokyo in July 2021.

Kind regards,

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KOTANI Mikako
Sport Director, Tokyo 2020

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Rugby Sevens overview

Rugby Sevens at the Olympic Games

According to legend, Rugby was invented in 1823 during a football match, when a student at Rugby School in England took the ball in his hands and ran over the goal line. But in fact, the sport has older origins, with similar games practised in the Middle Ages in many European countries. The rules of Rugby were codified and documented between 1845 and 1848 by pupils from the Rugby School and students from the University of Cambridge.

In 1871, the first national federation was created, and that same year saw the first international match played between Scotland and England. World Rugby (previously known as the International Rugby Board), was founded in 1886. At the end of the 19th and start of the 20th century, the sport saw a rise in popularity and was exported worldwide, giving rise to different variants. The two main ones today are Rugby Fifteens and Rugby Sevens.

Rugby Union (with 15 players per team) featured on the Olympic programme for the first time at Paris 1900, when the French team won the gold medal. The Australasia team (with players from Australia and New Zealand) won the London 1908 tournament while USA took gold at the other two editions of the Games when Rugby was part of the programme - Antwerp 1920 and Paris 1924. At Rio 2016, Rugby Sevens made its first appearance at the Olympic Games with Fiji winning the men's tournament and Australia taking gold in the women's event.

Key Personnel

World Rugby (WR)

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Tokyo 2020 competition management

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Rugby Sevens Services Manager:

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Rugby Sevens Technical Operations Manager: TBD



MATSUO Amy

Rugby Sevens Sport Manager, Tokyo 2020

Born in 1981 in Kanagawa Prefecture just south of Tokyo, Matsuo Amy spent five years between 1998 and 2003 living abroad in Auckland, New Zealand and southern California in the USA. After returning to Japan, she began to work for the Japan Rugby Football Union (JRFU). Working in the JRFU's international department, she acquired a wide range of expertise in areas like medical, anti-doping and the competition rules of Rugby. Matsuo then began working for the JRFU's competition management department and was in charge of team services for opposition teams visiting Japan for international Rugby matches. She joined the Tokyo 2020 sport management team in May 2016.

Rugby Sevens competition

The Rugby Sevens competition at Tokyo 2020 will be held from Monday 26 July to Saturday 31 July 2021. All matches will take place at Tokyo Stadium, which is located in Chofu City. The competition will consist of two medal events, summarised below:

Medal Events

Men (1)	Women (1)
12-team tournament	12-team tournament

A total of 288 athletes, 144 men and 144 women, may take part in the Rugby Sevens competition with each team limited to 12 players. This figure comprises 11 men's and 11 women's teams, plus two teams - one men's team and one women's team - allocated to the host country.

Participating NOCs

MEN					
ARG	AUS	CAN	FIJ	GBR	JPN
KEN	KOR	RSA	NZL	USA	Repechage
WOMEN					
AUS	BRA	CAN	CHN	FIJ	GBR
KEN	JPN	NZL	USA	Repechage	Repechage

Key dates

5 JULY 2021	Sport entries final deadline (23:59 JST)
13 JULY 2021	Olympic Village official opening
14 JULY 2021	Start of official training
23 JULY 2021 (DAY 0)	Olympic Games Opening Ceremony
24 JULY 2021 (DAY 1)	Medical and managers' meeting
24 JULY 2021	Men's competition technical meeting
24 JULY 2021	Women's competition technical meeting
28 JULY 2021	
26 JULY 2021 (DAY 3)	Start of Rugby Sevens competition
31 JULY 2021 (DAY 8)	End of Rugby Sevens competition
8 AUGUST 2021 (DAY 16)	Olympic Games Closing Ceremony
11 AUGUST 2021	Olympic Village closes

Competition format

The Rugby Sevens competition consists of women's and men's events with 12 teams in each event and the same competition format and rules applying to both. Each event consists of two phases, the pool round and the knock-out round:

Pool round

Teams are placed into three pools of four teams and play each other once - three matches per team, six (6) matches in each pool. Match points are awarded to teams after each pool match as follows:

- Win = 3 points
- Draw = 2 points
- Loss = 1 point

Knock-out round

Following the completion of the pool round the following rules are used to populate the knock-out round brackets:

1. Teams are ranked in their pool according to their total number of match points
2. If two teams have equal total match points the winner of the match involving those two teams will be ranked higher
3. If the match between the two teams was a draw, or if three or four teams have equal total match points the following criteria will determine pool ranking:

- points margin
- tries margin
- points for
- tries for
- Olympic Games seeding

The top two teams in each pool (A1, B1, C1, A2, B2, C2) are then placed in pre-determined slots in the knock-out round brackets.

The three teams finishing 3rd in their pools are ranked 7, 8 and 9 in a combined ranking list using the following criteria:

- total match points
- points margin
- tries margin
- points for
- tries for
- Olympic Games seeding

The three teams finishing 4th in their pools are ranked 10, 11 and 12 in the same combined ranking list using the same criteria.

The quarter-final brackets are set as follows:

- A1 v 8
- B2 v C2
- C1 v A2
- B1 v 7

Winners of the quarter-final matches proceed to the semi-finals and the losers to placing matches 5-8 while winners of the semi-finals proceed to the gold medal match and the losers go to the bronze medal match.

The teams ranked as 9, 10, 11, 12 play in the placing 9-12 bracket and the matches are set out as follows:

- 9 v 12
- 10 v 11
- The winners then play for placing 9-10 and the losers for placing 11-12

Rules

The Rugby Sevens competition will be played in accordance with the editions of the following documents that are in force at the time of the Games:

WR Laws of the Game

<http://laws.worldrugby.org>

WR Regulations Relating to the Game

<https://www.world.rugby/regulations>

The Olympic Charter

www.olympic.org/documents/olympic-charter

In accordance with Rule 46 of the IOC Olympic Charter, World Rugby will be responsible for the technical control and direction of the Rugby Sevens competition at Tokyo 2020.

Duration

The duration of all matches is 14 minutes; two halves of seven minutes each, counting down to zero, with a two-minute halftime interval.

Extra time is required only for the knock-out round if matches end in a draw. After a break of two minutes, during which the referee organises a toss with the team managers to decide which team will kick off from which end, the extra time is played in periods of five minutes. The team which scores first in extra time will immediately be declared the winner without further play. If additional periods of extra time are required teams change ends without an interval.

Clothing and equipment

Clothing and equipment used by athletes and other participants in the Rugby Sevens competition at the Olympic Games must comply with the documents listed below:

WR Laws of the Game and Regulations for Olympic Rugby Sevens Tournaments, Tokyo 2020

<http://laws.worldrugby.org>

The Olympic Charter

www.olympic.org/documents/olympic-charter with particular reference to Rule 50 - Advertising, Demonstrations, Propaganda and Bye-law to Rule 50

Guidelines Regarding Authorised Identifications for the Games of the XXXII Olympiad, Tokyo 2020

(distributed by the IOC to all NOCs)

The prohibition of any advertising and publicity in and above Olympic sites (as expressed in the Olympic Charter) is one of the aspects that differentiate the Olympic Games from other international events.

This is reflected in particular in Bye-law to Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter as follows:

No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on persons, on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Olympic Games, except the identification [...] of the manufacturer of the article or equipment concerned, provided that such identification shall not be marked conspicuously for advertising purposes.

Placing the national and Olympic identity of athletes at the forefront helps to further distinguish the Olympic Games, whilst respecting the significant contribution that sporting goods manufacturers provide.



Rugby Sevens

Competition Schedule Event Details

Version: 2.00

Day 3 Mon 26 Jul 2021

Session RUG01 Start: 9:00 End: 12:00 Tokyo Stadium

Time	Duration	Event name
9:00 - 9:30	0:30	Men's Pool Round
9:30 - 10:00	0:30	Men's Pool Round
10:00 - 10:30	0:30	Men's Pool Round
10:30 - 11:00	0:30	Men's Pool Round
11:00 - 11:30	0:30	Men's Pool Round
11:30 - 12:00	0:30	Men's Pool Round

Session RUG02 Start: 16:30 End: 19:30 Tokyo Stadium

Time	Duration	Event name
16:30 - 17:00	0:30	Men's Pool Round
17:00 - 17:30	0:30	Men's Pool Round
17:30 - 18:00	0:30	Men's Pool Round
18:00 - 18:30	0:30	Men's Pool Round
18:30 - 19:00	0:30	Men's Pool Round
19:00 - 19:30	0:30	Men's Pool Round

Day 4 Tue 27 Jul 2021

Session RUG03 Start: 9:00 End: 12:00 Tokyo Stadium

Time	Duration	Event name
9:00 - 9:30	0:30	Men's Pool Round
9:30 - 10:00	0:30	Men's Pool Round
10:00 - 10:30	0:30	Men's Pool Round
10:30 - 11:00	0:30	Men's Pool Round
11:00 - 11:30	0:30	Men's Pool Round
11:30 - 12:00	0:30	Men's Pool Round

Session RUG04 Start: 16:30 End: 19:30 Tokyo Stadium

Time	Duration	Event name
16:30 - 17:00	0:30	Men's Placing 9-12
17:00 - 17:30	0:30	Men's Placing 9-12
17:30 - 18:00	0:30	Men's Quarterfinal
18:00 - 18:30	0:30	Men's Quarterfinal
18:30 - 19:00	0:30	Men's Quarterfinal
19:00 - 19:30	0:30	Men's Quarterfinal

Day 5 Wed 28 Jul 2021

Session RUG05	Start: 9:00	End: 12:00	Tokyo Stadium
Time	Duration	Event name	
9:00 - 9:30	0:30	Men's Placing 11-12	
9:30 - 10:00	0:30	Men's Placing 9-10	
10:00 - 10:30	0:30	Men's Placing 5-8	
10:30 - 11:00	0:30	Men's Placing 5-8	
11:00 - 11:30	0:30	Men's Semifinal	
11:30 - 12:00	0:30	Men's Semifinal	

Session RUG06	Start: 16:30	End: 19:00	Tokyo Stadium
Time	Duration	Event name	
16:30 - 17:00	0:30	Men's Placing 7-8	
17:00 - 17:30	0:30	Men's Placing 5-6	
17:30 - 18:00	0:30	Men's Bronze Medal Match	
18:00 - 18:30	0:30	Men's Gold Medal Match	
18:30 - 19:00	0:30	Men's Victory Ceremony	

Day 6 Thu 29 Jul 2021

Session RUG07	Start: 9:00	End: 12:00	Tokyo Stadium
Time	Duration	Event name	
9:00 - 9:30	0:30	Women's Pool Round	
9:30 - 10:00	0:30	Women's Pool Round	
10:00 - 10:30	0:30	Women's Pool Round	
10:30 - 11:00	0:30	Women's Pool Round	
11:00 - 11:30	0:30	Women's Pool Round	
11:30 - 12:00	0:30	Women's Pool Round	

Session RUG08	Start: 16:30	End: 19:30	Tokyo Stadium
Time	Duration	Event name	
16:30 - 17:00	0:30	Women's Pool Round	
17:00 - 17:30	0:30	Women's Pool Round	
17:30 - 18:00	0:30	Women's Pool Round	
18:00 - 18:30	0:30	Women's Pool Round	
18:30 - 19:00	0:30	Women's Pool Round	
19:00 - 19:30	0:30	Women's Pool Round	

Day 7 Fri 30 Jul 2021

Session RUG09	Start: 9:00	End: 12:00	Tokyo Stadium
Time	Duration	Event name	
9:00 - 9:30	0:30	Women's Pool Round	
9:30 - 10:00	0:30	Women's Pool Round	
10:00 - 10:30	0:30	Women's Pool Round	
10:30 - 11:00	0:30	Women's Pool Round	
11:00 - 11:30	0:30	Women's Pool Round	
11:30 - 12:00	0:30	Women's Pool Round	

Session RUG10	Start: 16:30	End: 19:30	Tokyo Stadium
Time	Duration	Event name	
16:30 - 17:00	0:30	Women's Placing 9-12	
17:00 - 17:30	0:30	Women's Placing 9-12	
17:30 - 18:00	0:30	Women's Quarterfinal	
18:00 - 18:30	0:30	Women's Quarterfinal	
18:30 - 19:00	0:30	Women's Quarterfinal	
19:00 - 19:30	0:30	Women's Quarterfinal	

Session RUG11**Start: 9:00 End: 12:00****Tokyo Stadium**

Time	Duration	Event name
9:00 - 9:30	0:30	Women's Placing 11-12
9:30 - 10:00	0:30	Women's Placing 9-10
10:00 - 10:30	0:30	Women's Placing 5-8
10:30 - 11:00	0:30	Women's Placing 5-8
11:00 - 11:30	0:30	Women's Semifinal
11:30 - 12:00	0:30	Women's Semifinal

Session RUG12**Start: 16:30 End: 19:00****Tokyo Stadium**

Time	Duration	Event name
16:30 - 17:00	0:30	Women's Placing 7-8
17:00 - 17:30	0:30	Women's Placing 5-6
17:30 - 18:00	0:30	Women's Bronze Medal Match
18:00 - 18:30	0:30	Women's Gold Medal Match
18:30 - 19:00	0:30	Women's Victory Ceremony

Pre-competition procedures

Competition draw

The final pool seedings, competition draw and matches schedule will be announced and published after the final Olympic qualification tournaments have taken place in June 2021. The official announcement of these will be made in late June 2021.

Medical and managers' meeting

DATE: 24 July 2021

TIME: TBD

LOCATION: TBD

Technical meetings

Men and women

DATE: Saturday 24 July 2021

TIME: 20:00

LOCATION: Room 2A at Harumi Triton Square X Tower (Tokyo 2020 headquarters)

Women

DATE: Tuesday 28 July 2021

TIME: 20:00

LOCATION: Tokyo Stadium

Venue familiarisation

Men

DATE: Saturday 24 July 2021

TIME: 09:00 - 15:00 (30 minutes each)

LOCATION: Tokyo Stadium

Women

DATE: Sunday 25 July 2021

TIME: 09:00 - 15:00 (30 minutes each team)

Team forms and reports

Teams will be required to provide information on their players and management staff in advance, as per the Olympic Results Information System (ORIS). The forms to collect this information will be sent out to the NOCs in due time.

Team Liaison Officers (TLOs)

TBD

Competition procedures

Team declaration form

Team managers are required to present their Team Declaration form to the Venue Results Manager in the Venue Results Centre no later than 40 minutes before kick-off of their match.

Coin toss

Coin toss will be held around the entrance tunnel area. The coin toss will take place 20 minutes before the session starts.

Accredited/team seating

There will be reserved seats in the stands for players, team officials and technical officials to watch the matches (details TBC). Event Services volunteers will control access to this area in the stands, and seats will be available for teams on a first-come, first-served basis in the stands.

Video recording

Live feed of the matches from OBS will be available for download and video analysis purposes in the video analysis room at Tokyo Stadium.

Post-competition procedures

Doping control

Athletes selected for doping control will be notified in person and escorted to the doping control station by a chaperone as soon as practically possible after they have finished competing. It is the responsibility of the athlete to remain under continuous observation of the chaperone after notification.

Mixed zone

TBC

Press conferences

TBC

Results distribution

There will not be regular distribution of printed results to the NOCs. For certain reports, a limited number of copies will be distributed to team leaders at the venue Sport Information Desk (SID).

Results for all sports will also be available through Info and the Tokyo 2020 official website.

Victory ceremonies

TBC

Competition venue

Tokyo Stadium

376-3 Nishimachi
Chofu-shi Tokyo
Japan

The Rugby Sevens competition will be held at Tokyo Stadium which is a multi-purpose venue built as a sporting hub in Tokyo. It opened on 10 March 2001, and apart from being home to Japanese professional Football teams, Tokyo FC and Tokyo Verdy 1969, the stadium is also well known for events such as concerts, flea markets and being chosen to host the 2019 Rugby World Cup opening ceremony.

For Tokyo 2020 the venue will also be used for Football and Modern Pentathlon. It is located in Chofu City in western Tokyo and the gross capacity for the Rugby Sevens tournament will be 48,000.

Venue access

Athletes arriving at Tokyo Stadium on the TA service from the Olympic Village will be dropped off at the Athletes' Load Zone, which is located near the entrance tunnel.

Field of play

The playing surface type is grass. Dimensions are 100m in length by 70m wide, with 10m in-goal areas. The goal posts are 17 meters high. All equipment and the competition area will be presented in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations of the game, and all facilities will be presented in accordance with the Olympic Games venue requirements.

Venue transport

Team sport buses

Tokyo 2020 will provide buses with 45 seats to each team for training days and match days. The routes used by the bus will be set by Tokyo 2020 and use of the bus is limited to transport from the Olympic Village to training venues and the competition venue.

Venue facilities and services

Warm-up areas

TBD

Changing rooms

Each team will be allocated its own changing room at Tokyo Stadium during the tournament. Each changing room will contain ice baths, physiotherapy tables, clothes hangers and rack, chairs, and tables. Showers are located in a separated complex from the changing room.

Athletes' Lounge

The lounge will be equipped with dining tables, chairs, sofa, sofa table, and televisions displaying the live competition feed.

Food and beverage

TBD

Sport Information Desk (SID)

TBD

Medical services

The athletes' medical station at Tokyo Stadium will provide services such as first aid, emergency care, sports medicine and physical therapy services to athletes, team officials and technical officials. The athlete medical team consists of at least one doctor and one physiotherapist, a dentist, and nurses.

Doping control station

TBD

Heat countermeasures

During Games-time, the following countermeasures against heat will be taken to ensure the good health of athletes at Tokyo Stadium:

- Athletes' Lounge with air conditioner
- Changing rooms with air conditioner
- Water/ice to be provided
- Mist fans at team benches, team stretching area, and entrance tunnel
- Heat barriers on existing team benches
- Shade installation on the roof of the team benches
- Ice bath
- Provision of ice towels

Training venues

Tatsumi Seaside Park Rugby Practice Field

2-1-35 Tatsumi
Koto-ku Tokyo
Japan

Fuchu Asahi Football Park

3-7 Asahi-cho
Fuchu-shi Tokyo
Japan

TOSHIBA Corporation Fuchu Complex Rugby Ground (caps intended)

1 Toshibacho
Fuchu-shi Tokyo
Japan

RICOH Ground (caps intended)

1-5-1 Unane
Setagaya-ku Tokyo
Japan

Kubota Funabashi Ground

2-16-1 Sakaecho
Funabashi-shi Chiba
Japan

NTT Communications Arcs Urayasu Park

8-2-1 Takasu
Urayasu-shi Chiba
Japan

The venues will be open for training from Wednesday 14 July to Saturday 31 July 2021.

All equipment will be approved by World Rugby and will comply with Rule 50 and Bye-law to Rule 50 of the IOC Olympic Charter.

Training sessions/schedule

TBC (this will be confirmed early April 2021)

Training facilities

Facilities at training venues will include:

Changing rooms

All training venues will have separate facilities for men and women containing showers.

Medical services

At least one nurse or physiotherapist and one further Basic Life Support provider will be present at every training venue during official training sessions to perform minor illness and injury management to athletes, team officials, technical officials and organise transfers to the designated Games hospitals or Olympic Village Polyclinic as necessary. The nurse or physiotherapist will be the first contact for NOCs in training venues.

They will coordinate with Tokyo 2020 doctors via phone if necessary.

Training Access Pass (TAP)

TBC

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Directory

The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Tokyo 2020)

Tokyo won the right to stage the Games of the XXXII Olympiad on 7 September 2013. The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Tokyo 2020) is a private, not-for-profit sports association that was officially formed on 24 January 2014. Spearheaded by former prime minister of Japan, Yoshiro Mori, as president, the organising committee is composed of members from various organisations including the Japanese Olympic Committee (JOC), Japanese Paralympic Committee (JPC), Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG) and the national government of Japan.

Tokyo 2020 was assigned its mission by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and must follow their guidance, the Host City Contract, the Olympic Charter, the IPC Handbook, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) regulations and Japanese law.

Tokyo 2020 works in cooperation with Olympic and Paralympic Worldwide Partners, Gold Partners, Official Partners and Official Supporters.

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International Olympic Committee (IOC)

The International Olympic Committee was created on 23 June 1894. Less than two years later, on 6 April 1896, the first Olympic Games of the modern era opened in Athens, and the Olympic Movement has not stopped growing ever since. The Olympic Movement encompasses organisations, athletes and other persons who agree to be guided by the principles of the Olympic Charter. The goal of the Olympic Movement is to contribute to building a peaceful and better world by educating youth through sport practised without discrimination of any kind, in a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play.

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World Rugby (WR)

World Rugby, previously known as the International Rugby Board (IRB), was founded in 1886 and has its headquarters in Dublin, Ireland. Recognised by the International Olympic Committee as the international federation responsible for the sport of Rugby, World Rugby currently has 117 affiliated member unions drawn from six regional associations.

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Japanese Rugby Football Union (JRFU)

The Japan Rugby Football Union (JRFU) was established on 30 November 1926 when the Kanto Rugby Football Union (founded in 1924, now known as Japan East Rugby Football Association) and the Seibu Rugby Football Union (founded in 1925, now known as Kansai Rugby Football Union) merged. The two entities had previously governed the game in eastern and western Japan respectively. The JRFU became a public interest incorporated foundation in 2013. It was in 1899 that Rugby was first introduced to Japan and the sport has been thriving for over a century as the JRFU extended its support in promoting the core values of Rugby. International exchanges by Japan national teams began with a tour to Canada in 1930. Japan hosted and won the inaugural Asian Rugby Championships (15-a-side) in 1969 and held the first Japan Sevens as part of the IRB World Sevens series in 2000. Japan also hosted the 2009 IRB Junior World Championships (under 20, 15-a-side). Apart from the Rugby Sevens competition at Tokyo 2020, Japan was also selected to host the 2019 Rugby World Cup.

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